

## State Policy Declaration Asked By BH

### School Board Wants To Know Position On Transfers

The State Board of Education has received a request from Benton Harbor Supt. Mark Lewis asking if there is a policy on transfers of property, but the board made no reply during a meeting Wednesday.



BOBBY BAKER  
Entering prison

### Bobby Goes To Prison

LEWISBURG, Pa. (AP)—Bobby Baker, who amassed a multi-million dollar fortune while secretary to the Democratic Senate majority, surrendered himself to the warden of the U.S. penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., today.

He had staved off serving a sentence for tax evasion, larceny and conspiracy for nearly four years. He was sentenced April 7, 1967.

He got his start under former President Lyndon B. Johnson who at the time was majority leader in the Senate.

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### Sets Example

## Milliken Rejects Salary Increases

LANSING (AP) — Gov. William Milliken plans to give up \$15,000 in salary increases over the next year and one-half.

The governor has submitted a formal letter to the Department of Administration saying he will not accept a \$5,000 pay hike during the rest of the current fiscal year ending June 30.

An aide said, meanwhile, the governor will ask in his budget recommendations that his salary remain at \$40,000 instead of the proposed \$45,000 during the next fiscal year.

The salary hike was due to become effective as of the first of this year.

Milliken said in view of the state deficit and his proposed budget cuts for other state departments, the executive office would be a good place to start making economies.

The office of State Supt. John Porter reported Wednesday that copies of the letter were distributed to the State board. Lewis wrote the letter on behalf of the Benton Harbor board of education which is faced with snowballing attempts to secede from the district and join other school systems.

Don Myers of Department of Education information services told this newspaper that in the past each case has been considered individually through a legal process involving petition, hearing and appeal if carried from the county level.

Meanwhile, the Benton Harbor board will meet with the Berrien County Intermediate board tonight on an informal basis to discuss the transfer situation, Lewis said.

The county board last year rejected the transfer of Eaman to Coloma, but the State board granted the switch on appeal. The state action was viewed by some as an open door to more transfer attempts.

Some 35-40 Highman park area residents reportedly met last night to discuss possibility of transfer. No conclusions were reached, a resident said.

Sodus township residents have called a meeting for 7:30 tonight at the township hall to start petitions calling for transfer to Eau Claire.

The troubled Benton Harbor district is caught in the dilemma of having a building program stymied and large amounts of operating tax 'e'pired. Current instability of the district prevents decision making.

### MILLIKEN: 'Environment Protection Is Critical'

LANSING (AP) — Gov. William Milliken says "No other matter is more critical in this decade" than protection of the environment.

The governor made the statement in a telegram sent to the Lake Superior Enforcement Conference, scheduled today and Friday in Duluth, Minn.

Milliken, remaining in Lansing to deliver his State of the State Address to the Michigan Legislature, said in the telegram "I would urge that definitive action programs be developed for any unresolved problems which contribute to the pollution of Lake Superior and that full correction take place as rapidly as possible."

"My full support is with the actions you will take for protection of that magnificent lake. Michigan will be a full party and participating member of the conference," the governor said.



AILING ZOLLAR SWORN IN: State Sen. Charles O. Zollar (center), R-Benton Harbor, is helped from wheelchair into his seat in Senate chambers on opening day of 76th Michigan Legislature Wednesday. Zollar joined other senators being sworn in. Holding wheelchair at right is Kenneth Templin.

Senate sergeant at arms, Mrs. Zollar is behind the senator, with aides at left. A simmering battle over party control of the Michigan Senate was postponed through an unusual bipartisan concession to Zollar's ill health. See story on page 10. (AP Wire-photo)

## Milliken Against New Taxes In '71

### It's Time For Recovery, Reform

By LARRY KURTZ  
Associated Press Writer

LANSING (AP)—Calling this a year of recovery and reform in Michigan, Gov. William Milliken said today he wants no state tax increases in 1971.

In a subdued State of the State message, Milliken told a joint meeting of the House and Senate the economic setbacks of

1970 dictate "a period of relief from rising taxes."

However, he indicated tax increases eventually would have to come.

"My fiscal and budget policies for the next four years are designed to avoid multiple tax increases," he said. But he added "decisions must be made this year" even if the impact of

those decisions should not take effect in 1971.

#### BASICALLY SOUND

At the same time, he said the state's financial position is basically sound and he expects a recovery "at least equal to the average growth levels of the past 10 years."

The governor's message—much shorter, more generalized and less glittering than his 1970 State of the State address—touched only briefly on a handful of vital issues.

He promised details later, including special messages on such topics as education, transportation and the environment.

However, the governor did give an inkling of controversy to come with references to forthcoming proposals like state aid for so-called performance contracting in schools; a new distribution formula for state revenue-sharing with cities; education reform extending into higher education as well as elementary and secondary schools; another try at creating a controversial state commission on investigations; and establishment of a uniform construction code.

Mixing caution with optimism, he said:

"We may not be able, as a state government, to move as fast or as fast this year as most of us would like...people are tired of paying new taxes to solve old problems."

However, he also said he would not accept "the idea that government must stand still when the economy stands still."

"There is much progress that can be made," he said, "without significant expenditures of new money."

He said the spending hikes he recommends in his budget message next month will fall below the average increases voted by the Legislature in the last six years.

"It will eliminate low-priority programs," he said. "It will expand some high-priority programs."

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### Icy Roads Shut Down 3 Schools

Icy road conditions closed three Van Buren county schools today as a freezing drizzle continued to hit southwestern Michigan for the second day in a row. Bangor, Covert and Lawton public schools were reported closed.

Snow flurries are expected in the area this afternoon, according to the Weather Bureau. Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy and colder weather, with heavier snow flurries near Lake Michigan. Continued colder temperatures and additional snow flurries are expected Friday.

## Bovo Found Innocent Of Police Bribe

### 'Reasonable Doubt' Key Issue For Berrien Jury

A Berrien circuit court jury deliberated five hours and 35 minutes late into Wednesday night before reaching a verdict of acquittal for a 36-year-old Twin Cities bondsman charged with bribing a Berrien sheriff's detective.

The "not guilty" verdict, delivered at 10:50 p.m. in a second-floor courtroom of the courthouse, St. Joseph, was followed by exclamations and tears of joy by members of the family of Bondsman Frank R. Bovo of 868 Adams avenue, Benton township.

#### DECLINES COMMENT

Bovo indicated he was highly pleased with the verdict but declined comment on any developments in the wake of the trial.

Trial opened Jan. 6 and continued five days. Bovo was accused of bribing Berrien Sheriff's Det. Ronald Immoos, an eight-year police veteran, with \$200 on Dec. 4, 1969, for gambling favors that included stifling competition for a gambling organization allegedly involving the bondsman.

Reasonable doubt and credibility of witnesses, including the bondsman and the detective, were key issues in trial. It was the first trial for this panel of jurors, according to court sources.

The defense counsel, Detroit Atty. Ivan Barris, during final argument to jurors Wednesday emphasized reasonable doubt and claimed the prosecution's case was a "fairly tale" based on a "frame" engineered by the detective. Barris suggested Det. Immoos' motivation was gaining publicity through the case.

The prosecutor, Assistant Atty. Gen. Eugene Friedman, argued Barris failed to provide a solid reason for the alleged "frame," noted \$800 in evidence as alleged bribe money plus testimony of various police, including state police intelligence officers, and claimed the defense position was that everyone lied except the defense.

Prosecution witnesses testified that Bovo approached Det. Immoos Aug. 13, 1969, and offered bribes eventually totaling \$800, including a \$200 payoff by Bovo to the detective Dec. 4, 1969, at Holly's Landing in St. Joseph with a state police witness.

#### LOAN CLAIMED

Defense witnesses testified Bovo never made a bribe offer, that two of four alleged payoffs never occurred, and that Bovo did make a total of \$400 in loans to Det. Immoos including one on Dec. 4 for the detective to pay adoption fees for his wife's daughter by a former marriage.

Atty. Barris argued the loans were not made public to avoid a reprimand to the detective and suggested Det. Immoos would be one of the last deputy sheriffs to approach with a bribe because he was "the hot shot who is making all these arrests."

Barris further argued the detective was "impaired" by testimony about witnessing telephone calls by Bovo at a Benton Harbor tavern when a recent survey there showed this to be impossible.

Det. Immoos testified that from his seat in Babe's Lounge, Benton Harbor, he deciphered a telephone number as Bovo dial-



FRANK R. BOVO  
Acquitted

ed but that the scene was impossible to recreate because the telephone had been moved and alterations done. Several defense witnesses including the lounge owner denied any knowledge of changes and Bovo testified the number he dialed was not the one Det. Immoos testified about.

Atty. Friedman argued that Immoos as a top vice investigator was the logical man to approach, claimed defense emphasis on the telephone issue was a "smoke screen" to draw attention away from the real issue in trial and argued the telephone could have been moved.

Jurors began deliberating at 3:40 p.m. and continued through the afternoon and evening except for a 1 1/2-hour supper recess and two brief appearances.

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## Teamsters Eyeing BH Work Force

### Union Notifies City Manager

The Teamsters union is making an attempt to organize Benton Harbor city employees.

City Manager Manager Don Stewart said he received a telegram Wednesday stating that a majority of city employees have petitioned the State Labor Mediation board for recognition of the Teamsters union as bargaining agent.

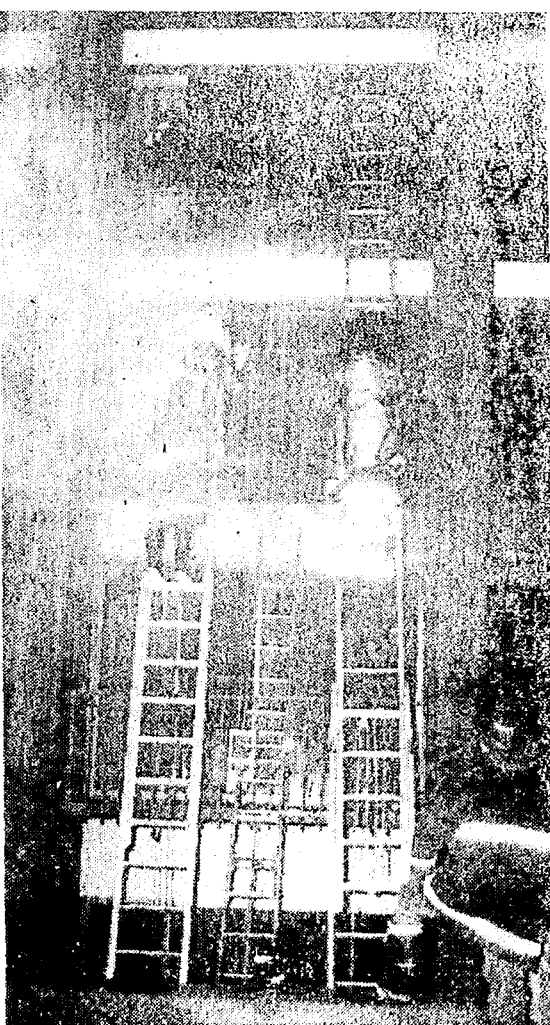
Stewart said the telegram was signed by Joseph Valenti, president Teamsters State, County and Municipal Workers Local 214, Detroit.

The telegram did not specify what departments were involved. Police and fire departments already are represented by bargaining agents. The Teamsters attempt presumably involves public works employees and perhaps others.

The city commission has announced that arbitration awards won by police should apply to all city employees. An election on six mills in operating taxes will be held Feb. 15 in an attempt to spread the arbitration awards among all city employees.

Friday night special! Fresh Lake Perch dinner, \$2.50. Flagship Restaurant. Adv.

20% to 30% sale. V. J. George Boutique, St. Joseph, Adv.



FIRE KILLS NINE: Fire of unknown origin swept through Westernminister Terrace, a senior citizens home at Louisville, Ky., early today, killing nine residents. The blaze also injured 48 persons. The house had 94 occupants, and some were removed by firemen using ladders. (AP Wirephoto)

## Mittan Asking Decisive Defeat For Fast Time

It appears that the controversial fast time issue will appear on the ballot again, either this fall or next, according to State Representative Ray Mittan of Benton Harbor.

In a special interview with Radio Station WJLB, Rep. Mittan said a petition for fast time will come before the legislature and obviously be voted down, "but it will do no good because according to state law it will still go on the ballot," he asserted.

"The only way it will be stopped from appearing on the ballot is for the legislature to enact fast time and I'm quite sure it will not do that."

"I sincerely hope the people of the State of Michigan again will vote down fast time, this time resoundingly and possibly put the main

perpetrator of this horrible idea — the State Chamber of Commerce — out of business."

If the legislature does not act on the petition submitted Tuesday, or if it turns the proposal down, voters would vote on the time question again at the next general election, scheduled for November of 1972.

However, a vote could come as early as next November pending legal interpretation of an odd-year election bill recently signed by Governor Milliken.

The issue of fast time was defeated in a state referendum two years ago by a margin that was sufficiently close to bring about a recount. A new petition for fast time was submitted in the wake of the first defeat.

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Editorial Page

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## No Fault Divorces

The Michigan Law Revision Commission has presented a bill to the legislature, which if adopted, would follow the lead of California, Texas, New York and Iowa in severing the marital tie between a couple which finds marriage a battleground rather than a workable partnership.

The Commission proposes the single test for granting a divorce be a court finding:

"There has been a breakdown in the marriage relationship to the extent that the legitimate objects of matrimony have been destroyed and there remains no reasonable likelihood that the marriage can be preserved."

Michigan, as do those other states except for the four mentioned, sets forth specific grounds for divorce. In our state they are desertion, habitual drunkenness, non-support, imprisonment for a felony, adultery and cruelty. The latter is a catchall ranging through insensitive treatment of a sensitive spouse to failure or refusal of consummation.

The Commission's recommendation necessarily includes those causes but takes the further step by saying if a marriage is not working out, then the unhappy party should be released from its bond.

The recommendation also eliminates the concept of fault.

Under Michigan procedure if the spouse seeking the divorce is partly responsible for the rift, the court denies a decree.

The proposal would not alter present rules concerning child custody and support, property settlements and alimony.

Its no fault concept would, however, crack one barrier in contested divorce cases by taking away the bargaining power or property settlements and alimony in exchange for obtaining the divorce.

The first divorce of the greatest impact in our heritage took place in 15th century England.

The much married Henry VIII sought Papal approval for dispos-

ing of one wife for his newest innamorata.

The Roman ecclesiastics, already suspicious of Henry's political ambitions for his country and himself, refused its sanction.

The first of the Tudor kings, thereupon, not only decreed his own divorce but disestablished the Roman Catholic faith as England's official religion. He created the Church of England as the successor state religion.

Henry's abruptness drastically affected English law, the foundation of American jurisprudence. It transferred control of domestic relations from the Church to the civil authority.

The original legal interpretation of Henry's act held divorce to be a legislative prerogative.

For decades thereafter only a special act of Parliament could grant a divorce.

By the 19th century this position broadened administratively.

The legislature established the ground rules for divorce and left it to the courts to determine if the contesting parties could fit within that framework.

The legislative approach in specifying fairly rigid grounds for divorce bows to the canonical control over domestic relations in times past. Only one partner's excessive misconduct was favored against the social stigma attaching to divorce.

Today's attitude has changed greatly in that respect.

Divorce increasingly is being looked upon as a last ditch remedy for a personality conflict, either latent prior to the marriage or developing later on.

The position taken by the California, Iowa, New York and Texas legislatures essentially is that an error is not cured by continuing it; better to make a clean break, and start afresh.

Without any benefit whatever from Women's Lib, this viewpoint has evolved in the past four to five decades as women have moved ever closer to economic parity with men. It is inevitable, almost, that one byproduct of that development is the view that marriage should be a mutual shelter rather than a prison for one or even both partners.

The Michigan Commission is not suggesting an easy meet, easy go basis for marriage, or a legalized free love substitute for the institution.

The proposal merely seeks to unwind an untight situation better than the present legal boxing match does.

## Smoking More To Calm Nerves

Britain's top medical group blames cigarette smoking for a "holocaust" of 27,500 deaths annually. This makes some smokers so nervous they've got to smoke more to calm their nerves.

## Diplomacy Threatened

Diplomatic kidnappings threaten to replace plan hijackings as the favorite method of harassment by terrorist groups of various shades of the far left. The frequency of such acts in the last year and the unresolved status of a number of them attest to that.

As with hijackings, individual governments are finding kidnappings of public officials particularly difficult crimes to deal with. The situation in Uruguay demonstrates the problem.

With the abduction of British ambassador Geoffrey Jackson, the leftist Tupamaros guerrilla organization in that country now holds three diplomatic hostages, including United States agronomist Claude L. Fly. The latest incident marks the fifth kidnapping by the Tupamaros in the last six months. One of the victims was released without ransom and another was shot to death.

Uruguay may have become the favorite target of political kidnappers, but it is only one of at least a half dozen to be attacked

in the last year. Most of them have occurred in this hemisphere.

Just as it was finally necessary for individual governments to combine their talents to put a stop to hijackings, it is time for the nations of the world to decide jointly to put a stop to this latest form of outrage.

Organizations such as the United Nations and the Organization of American States ought to show greater interest in this direction than they have demonstrated thus far. Washington and other capitals with a direct interest in the terrorist attacks on the sanctity of diplomatic institutions should press for urgent action by the UN and the OAS.

Should such moves be thwarted, unilateral actions between states is another avenue to be pursued. One of the most effective weapons which could be adopted is an agreement that political ransoms will not be paid and asylum will not be granted to any who pursue this course. Removing all profit from such adventures would bring them to a quick conclusion.

Continued failure to come to grips with the problem guarantees both the number of kidnappings and the recklessness of the kidnappers will continue to grow, granting to the terrorists the very effect they seek.

Spiders provided the decor for an extravagant double wedding in Louisiana in 1870. Planter Charles Durand had his workmen release spiders in the three-mile avenue of trees leading to his manor. After the spiders had spun their gossamer arches between the trees, the workmen used blowers to blow silver and gold dust into the webs beneath which Durand's two daughters were wed.

## Underdog



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### TOWNSHIP CHIEFS ASK WESTERN US-31 ROUTE

Supervisors of 13 of Berrien county's 22 townships have petitioned the board of county supervisors to switch its support back to the western route around Berrien Springs for the planned relocation of US-31 in the county.

The heads of all township governments in the county except Berrien, Pipestone and Niles, signed a petition presented this week to County Board Chairman Frank Poorman.

### C-C BACKS NYC ROUTE

The Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce today announced support of the idea to use the abandoned New York Central right-of-way along the St. Joseph river as the interceptor route from I-94 into town.

The recommendation that the Michigan Highway department make an engineering-feasibility study of the route has been sent to Commissioner John C. Mackie.

### BERRIEN BANKS SHOW UPTURN IN BUSINESS

A noticeable upturn in business conditions throughout southwestern Michigan was seen in the reports of bank officials to stockholders at the annual stockholders' meetings held Tuesday.

Dividend payments and the enlargement of capital structures were the features of most of the reports together with increased deposits and general betterment both in the agricultural and industrial districts.

### CONSIDER HEALTH UNIT

Construction and maintenance of a county health unit in the form of a small hospital under the direction of a salaried physician and nurse to cut the continually increasing cost of adult afflicted in Berrien county, today was under consideration.

by the board of supervisors.

### DIFFERENT EMPLOYMENT

Miss Anna Kunde of Court street, formerly employed by the Auto Specialties company, has taken a position in the St. Joseph 5 and 10 cent store.

### SHIP ABROAD

The Saranac Machine company has recently made shipments to Scotland, England, South America, Puerto Rico, Cuba and Mexico. The local firm has a world wide reputation for its machinery for the making of baskets, crates,

packages and shipping cases.

### GOOD IDEA

The Magazine club, which was so popular last winter, has been renewed. The plan is for a dozen or more readers to subscribe to different magazines for mutual use, passing them from one member to another until all have been perused.

### Factograph

The cockbirds of the Japanese Onagadori with tail converts up to 24 feet in length.

## RUTH RAMSEY

## Today's Grab Bag

### THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. What does it take to make a bill a federal law in the United States?
2. What does nepotism mean?
3. Who or what is Popocatepetl?
4. What area has often been called the "Roof of the World"?
5. What is South Africa's most valuable export?

### YOUR FUTURE

Conserve your recent gains and take stock of your position. Today's child will be ambitious and industrious.

### WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

EXTIRPATE — (EK-ster-PATE) — verb; to remove utterly; destroy totally.

### IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1943, Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first U.S. president to fly in an airplane while in office.

### IT'S BEEN SAID

What does it avail you, if of many thorns only one be removed? — Horace.

### BORN TODAY

"Benedict Arnold" has become a synonym for turncoat, traitor and treachery in the annals of American history. He was the great grandson of the colonial governor of Rhode Island and the fourth in direct descent to bear the name.

His youth was marked by the same waywardness which characterized his whole career. At 15, he ran away from home and took part in an expedition against the French. He soon deserted and returned home.

After the battle of Lexington, he led a militia company to Cambridge and, in 1775, proposed an expedition against Crown Point and Ticonderoga. Ethan Allen, acting on behalf of some members of the Connecticut Assembly, was handed the command, instead of Arnold.

Later, during an invasion of Canada, his superior was killed and Arnold severely wounded. Arnold was placed in command at Montreal.

Some time after his retreat from Canada, charges of misconduct and dishonesty were brought against him. After a tardy investigation, he was cleared of the charges.

In recognition of his exploits against British forces, he was promoted and sent up the Mohawk Valley. He performed brilliantly in the first and second battle of Saratoga and received the praise of Congress.

In 1780, he contacted the British with a plan to betray some important post. With this in mind, he sought and obtained command of West Point, key to the Hudson Valley. His traitorous act was discovered and he escaped to the British lines.

He went to London where he was active in fitting out privateers during the war between Britain and France.

He gradually sank into melancholia and died in London in 1801.

Others born today include Cecil Beaton, John Dos Passos, and William Bendix.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. The signature of the president.
2. Favoritism shown to one's relatives.
3. A volcano about 40 miles southeast of Mexico City.
4. Tibet.
5. Gold.

## DR. COLEMAN

## .. And Speaking Of Your Health

Is there any danger in using a sun lamp? Is it true that it can cause cancer of the skin?

Mrs. G. B., Conn. Dear Mrs. B.: Overexposure of sensitive skin to ultraviolet light from a sun lamp is just as dangerous as overexposure to the concentrated rays of the midday summer sun.

Some dermatologists give strict orders to some of their patients and advise them to stay out of the sun. This advice, of course, holds for sun lamps, too.

The use of a sun lamp has unfortunately introduced a new fear to cancer-conscious people. Many people who enjoy the sun and the sun lamp have been unnecessarily terrorized by this fear.

Unless there have been specific suggestions by the doctor to stay out of the sun, feel that this is a needless additional anxiety.

There is a danger that can be avoided in the use of the sun lamp. Many people have a tendency to overdo these ultraviolet treatments in a desire to speed up tanning. Severe skin burns can follow overexposure, especially if the lamp is too close to your face.

Another danger is the possibility of falling asleep under the lamp. This happens far more often than is realized. The warm relaxation of the lamp is conducive to sleep. For this reason many sun lamps are provided with an automatic shutoff and a warning bell.

Protective goggles must be worn. Too often this is neglected

in an effort to get a diffuse sunburn around the eyelids. Cotton pads, too, give extra protection.

Bear in mind that some drugs increase the sensitivity of the skin to ultraviolet light. If you are taking any drug, ask your doctor for specific permission to use the sun lamp.

My seven-year-old daughter has thalassemia, an unusual blood condition.

Fortunately, doctors have been able to control it, but I thought other readers might be interested in knowing something about this condition.

Mrs. R. M., Mich. Dear Mrs. M.: This type of anemia is also known as Mediterranean and Cooley's anemia. The latter was named after the doctor who clearly described it some time in the 1920's.

The condition is an inherited one and has been recognized in many Mediterranean countries. The diagnosis is made by microscopic study of the blood when once the condition is suspected.

There are a number of new forms of treatment that now can keep this anemia in control, even though there is no known cure.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Harsh brushes and combs can cause abrasions and infections of the scalp.

Dr. Lester Coleman has a special eye-care booklet available for readers of this column called, "What You Should Know About Glaucoma and Cataracts." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 1017. Please mention the booklet by title.

## JAY BECKER

## Contract Bridge

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J6

♥ A10972

♦ AK83

♣ A10

WEST

♠ Q83

♥ K84

♦ 74

♣ QJ952

EAST

♠ 109542

♥ J63

♦ 6

♣ K874

SOUTH

♠ AK7

♥ Q5

♦ QJ10952

♣ 63

The bidding:

South West North East

1♣ Pass 2♥ Pass

3♦ Pass 4♣ Pass

5♦ Pass 6♣

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

A declarer must naturally assume that his opponents are trying their hardest to do him injury. He should therefore base at least some of his plays on the method of defense adopted by the enemy, and this reliance upon the opponents' plays will often assist him greatly in a difficult situation.

Consider this deal where West leads a club. Superficially it would seem that South must go down one, since he has a heart and a club to lose, but actually South can make the slam if he

## BENNET CERF

## Try And Stop Me

A perfect one-sentence insight into a man's character, once was fashioned by Paul Krassner when he described an earnest but somewhat "square V.I.P." he had interviewed as "the kind of man who might underline a passage in the Bible he was reading and pencil in the margin 'How true!'"

A patient ticketed for minor surgery was wheeled up to the operating room, then ignored completely for over an hour. When he finally protested to an intern rushing by, the latter explained, "You'll have to make allowances, sir. It's been murder in there this morning!"

A medal should be presented to Tom Carruthers, of N.Y.C., who wrote the sanitation department a letter that brought immediate results. It read: "I direct your attention to one pile of garbage that's been in our street so long it's been declared a landmark. His street is now spotless as new-fallen snow."

### QUICKIES:

Johnny Carson discloses that the Chase Manhattan Bank has chosen Producer David Merrick as "top depositor for 1970."

Phyllis Diller boasts that she just won third place in a Philadelphia beauty contest. "Incidentally," she adds, "I was the only entrant."

Explanation by a man who ordered a 100-foot extension cord on his teenage daughter's telephone: "When the weather is nice, I like the girl to stay outdoors more."



WILLIAM RITT

## You're Telling Me!

President Nixon once flunked Electoral College. Then he got people to thinking he was a dropout.

The Brookings Institution is a Washington research outfit specializing in government problems. With a specialty like that, you wonder how it would have time for the Electoral College.

With the Electoral College, a president can be elected without receiving the greatest popular vote. But that isn't of much concern because once they get going they realize they wouldn't get in on the second try, either.

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Twin City  
News

## Experts Will Tell Economic Outlook

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Chamber Dinner Set Jan. 25

Three corporate economists will forecast the economic outlook at a 6:30 p.m. dinner conference Jan. 25 at Holiday Inn, M-139, South of Benton Harbor.

The conference is sponsored

by the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce with Jasper Burt, a Whirlpool corporation vice president and Chamber vice president, as the moderator.

The economists are: H. Brad-

lee Perry, vice president of David L. Babson & Co., Inc., a Boston-based investment counsel firm; William J. Powers, corporate economist, Clark Equipment Co.; and John E. Smallwood, director, economic and marketing research, Whirlpool corporation.

### FILM ALSO PLANNED

Each economist will give a 15-minute presentation covering the consumer sector, the business sector and the financial community. In addition a United States Chamber of Commerce film, "Your Dollar Is Getting Smaller", will be shown.

Smallwood, who will speak on the consumer sector, received an A.B. degree from Albion college and did graduate work in mathematics. He began his business career as an industrial engineer and has held managerial posts in accounting and corporate planning.

Powers, Clark Equipment company's corporate economist, will direct his remarks to the business investment sector. Powers was previously manager of market planning for Clark's Industrial Truck division, Battle Creek. His career as an economist includes service with Sperry Rand corporation and to board of governors of the Federal Reserve system. He is a graduate of George Washington university with a bachelor's degree in economics and business administration and a master's degree in economics.

Perry, in addition to being a company vice president, is in charge of his company's analytical department, and will speak about the financial community. He received an A.B. degree from Harvard college and an MBA from the Harvard Business school. He is a chartered financial analyst, a member of the Boston Security Analysts Society and New York Society of Security Analysts.

### QUESTIONS INVITED

Burt said persons attending the conference will have an opportunity to question the economists regarding the short or long term economic outlook.

The conference is open to the public, but only 300 tickets are available. He urged chamber members to make their reservations as soon as possible by calling the chamber office. Cost of the conference is \$5.75.



H. BRADLEE PERRY



JOHN E. SMALLWOOD

## Abbey Asks Hearing On Charge

David A. Abbey, deputy director of Tri-CAP, demanded a preliminary examination on a charge of possession of marijuana during arraignment in Fifth District court Wednesday.

Abbey, 37, of 4964 Hollywood road, St. Joseph, was arrested by Berrien sheriff's officers Tuesday in a room at the Howard Johnson motor lodge at I-94 and M-139. Arresting officers Don Jewell, Berrien chief deputy, and Det. Gary Methling said they found two rolled cigarettes on Abbey. The cigarettes allegedly contained marijuana.

Abbey, a former Benton Har-



WILLIAM J. POWERS

bor junior high school teacher, has been deputy director of the Tri-County Community Action program since August 1969. Abbey was released on \$2,500 bond by Judge Paul Pollard.

## At Pipestone

## New Shoe Store Will Open In BH

A new shoe store is scheduled to open March 1 at 125 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor—a location known for shoes since 1927.



PETER BLOCKHAHN  
Manager

Announcement was made by Rex Sheeley, owner of the building, and Peter Blockhahn, who will manage the new store. Sheeley said the store will be redecorated and carpeted. Blockhahn describes it as a family-type shoe store that will stock quality brands.

Most recent occupant of the space was Schiff Shoes which moved out in December. The shop has been in continuous use for shoe sales since Thrift Shoes opened in 1927. Thrift later assumed the name of Kirby's and Schiff took over the shop in the late 1960s.

The shop is in the Gray building at Pipestone and Main streets.

Blockhahn, 25, has four years experience in the shoe business and currently is assistant manager of Rolwey's. A native of Highland Park, Ill., he has lived in the Twin City area since 1963. He is a 1964 graduate of Benton Harbor St. John's high school and attended St. Joseph's college, Rensselaer, Ind. He and his wife, Phyllis, have two daughters and a son. They live at 1847 Heath court, Fairplain.

## Mitchell Scholarship Launched

A drive is underway among past and present Benton Harbor school district employees to start a scholarship in memory of Sidney C. Mitchell, former superintendent who died last week.

The fund would be for Benton Harbor high school graduates to attend Lake Michigan college. Mr. Mitchell is regarded as the "father of LMC" because he played a major role in the founding of Benton Harbor junior college which later became LMC.

Contributions from district employees and citizens can be sent to Alden Bierman, 510 Montezuma road, Benton Harbor. Bierman, a retired assistant high school principal, said about \$300 has been received so far.

## Model Cities Unit Meeting Tonight

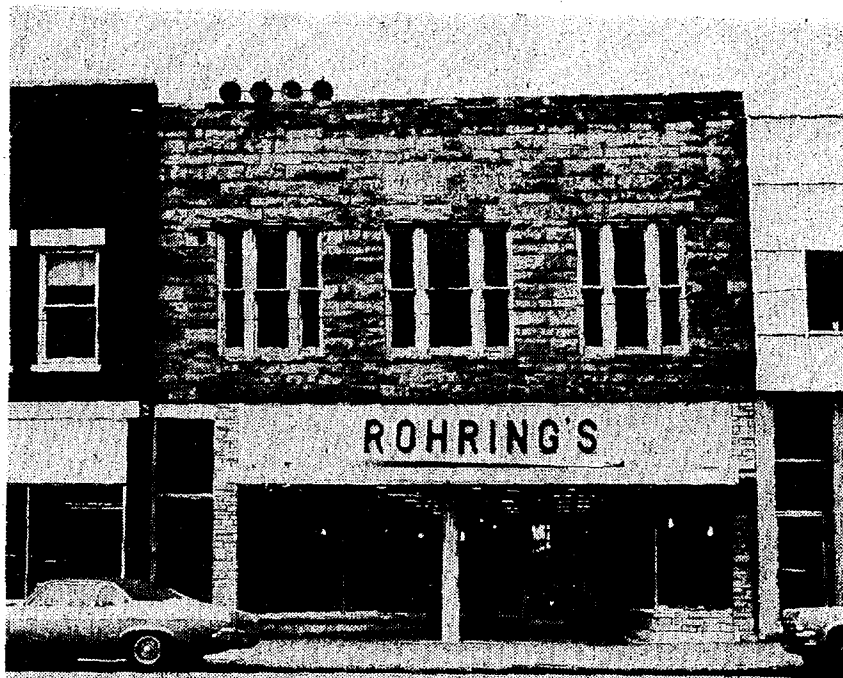
The Model Cities Citizens Steering Council (CSC) will hold a special meeting tonight at the program's offices, 925 Buss avenue, Benton Harbor. Members will hear a presentation on modular housing construction by Charles B. Davis, a representative of Stirling-Homex Corp. of New York City, one of the nation's largest concerns in the field of housing construction.

Davis is the brother of Ben Davis, program administrator of Model Cities. Mrs. Esther Kizer, acting chairman of CSC, invited all residents of the model neighborhood.



COVER-UP: New aluminum facade on second story streamlines appearance of Rohring's—"The Stone Front Clothing Store"—but covers original stone masonry. Manager William Rohring said the slogan will remain but recognizes it is "not quite

as true as it once was." Store at 93 West Main street, Benton Harbor, features complete line of clothing and accessories for men and young men as well as tuxedo rental.



BEFORE: Until new remodeling during past several weeks, this was the appearance of Rohring's. Building was extensively modernized in 1955 and in 1963 a masonry addition at rear of store extended the sales floor by nearly 50 per cent. The store has occupied the downtown Benton Harbor location since 1940. Inscription at upper center of building says "Avery Block 1902." (Staff photos)

## Mrs. Rue Heads Plaza Merchant Association

Mrs. Dorothy Rue, manager of Plaza Fabrics, has been elected president of the Fairplain Plaza Merchants association. She succeeds Todd Binsz, manager of Fox Jewelers' plaza center.

Mrs. Rue said key shoppers' promotions during the year will include Mothers' and Fathers' Days, Frontier Days in July, along with Fourth of July fireworks, and Back to School Days next September.

Other newly-elected association officers are, Glenn Jones of Plaza 66 station, executive vice president; Mrs. Betty Mashke of Hall of Cards, vice president; David Ohman of Farmers and Merchants National bank plaza branch, treasurer; and Mrs. Elizabeth Eltzroth of Blue Creek Realty Co., plaza office, secretary.

Directors named are, David Goldbaum of "Dave Goldbaum's

men's wear, Doan Moore of the Singer Co., Russell Winder of Goldblatt's, and Binsz.

## Parent Night Set For SJ Auditorium

Ninth grade parent night will be tonight at 7:30 at St. Joseph high school auditorium for parents of students at both Upton and Milton junior high school.



MRS. DOROTHY RUE  
Heads Plaza Group

## FEBRUARY 6

## Lincoln Township Sets Taxpayer Service Day

A special "Service Day" for Lincoln township taxpayers will be held Saturday, Feb. 6 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the township hall.

Both the clerk, Mrs. Bernice Tretheway and treasurer, Gerald Wahl, will be available to residents who wish to pay their winter taxes or register to vote.

Senior citizens and veterans may also apply for tax exemptions.

Dog licenses also can be purchased during the same period.

## Banker Appointed President

LeFevre Ends  
Career In  
Twin Cities

This morning Gerald H. LeFevre ended a 10-year stint in Twin City banking to begin a new career as president of the State Savings Bank of Owosso.

The appointment was part of the bank's annual meeting on Wednesday although the directors had confirmed the assignment to LeFevre last week.

Owosso is a community of 17,000 people located 31 miles northeast from Lansing. It is the seat of Shiawassee county.

The State Savings, established in 1907 and with total assets exceeding \$21 million dollars, is the second largest of two banks in the city.

LeFevre, who turned 40 a week ago, is one of the youngest chief executive officers among midwestern financial institutions. His selection came as the result of his predecessor's retirement.

His wife, Monique, and their daughter, Michelle, 13, plan to move from the family residence at 662 Montezuma avenue, in Fairplain, for Owosso shortly.

Following graduation from Muskegon high school in 1948 and from MSU with an honors degree in accounting in 1953, LeFevre spent the following two years as a first lieutenant in the army.

He joined National Bank of Detroit in 1955 as an account analyst and came to the Farmers & Merchants National bank in Benton Harbor in 1960. He moved to the Peoples State bank of St. Joseph in 1966 as a vice president.

During his 10 years in the Twin Cities, LeFevre played an active role in United Fund and the St. Joseph Retailer Division affairs.



GERALD H. LEFEVRE

## Union Park Ice Rink Closed

Benton Harbor police closed the ice skating rink in Union Park last night and recommended that it remain closed because of too many fights and arguments. The rink was closed about 8:45 p.m.

Patrolman Harry E. Wise said police were called to the rink on Wednesday and Thursday nights because of continued fights. After seven fights last night, the rink was closed, he said.

## Five Teens Arrested In Brawl

Benton Harbor police officers arrested five juvenile boys while trying to break up a crowd of 100 youths watching a fight outside the Benton Harbor junior high school yesterday.

Police said the five were arrested for causing fights or for refusing to go home. The five, ranging in age from 13 to 15, were petitioned to Berrien juvenile court on charges of disorderly person.

Police said the students from the junior high school gathered to watch a fight between two girls after school. The students dispersed following the arrest of the five.

## SJ Firemen At Safety Conference

Capt. Terry McNeil of the St. Joseph fire department represented Local 1670, International Association of Fire Fighters, at a three-day conference on the hazards inherent to fire fighting.

The symposium was held at the University of Notre Dame's continuing education center. McNeil said the sessions covered health of fire fighters and protective devices for firemen. The event was sponsored by the John P. Redmond Memorial fund. Redmond was president of International Association of Fire Fighters before his death in 1957.

Some 350 persons representing every state and Canada attended the symposium that ended yesterday, McNeil said. Speakers include fire fighting officials, physicians and technicians.

## Transposed

Admissions to Memorial and Mercy hospitals were inadvertently transposed in Wednesday's newspaper. Admissions to Memorial were incorrectly placed under Mercy hospital and Mercy's admissions went under Memorial.

## Soldier Not Wanted As Deserter

A young Chicago soldier arrested by Berrien county sheriff officers over the weekend was not wanted on a charge of desertion from the military, as was erroneously stated in an article Monday.

The soldier, Richard E. Harms, 18, was arrested on a charge of being a minor in possession of an intoxicant and pleaded guilty to the charge in Fifth District court. He paid \$25 fine and \$26 costs.

A companion in the car, Thomas J. Walker, 20, also of Chicago, pleaded guilty to a charge of being a minor in possession. It was Walker who was charged with desertion and will be turned over to the FBI when he completes a 30-day jail sentence for the possession charge.

Harms, who has relatives in the Twin Cities area, is on furlough after returning from service in Germany and is scheduled to report Feb. 14 at Ft. Lewis, Wash., en route to Vietnam.

## Give First Aid Course In BH

A class in advance first aid will begin at 7 p.m. next Tuesday at the American Red Cross Benton Harbor chapter office, 244 Pipestone, C. J. Demyter, Red Cross first aid chairman, announced.

Irving J. Tallis will instruct the class, said Demyter. He said interested persons may contact the chapter office or call 925-0018 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

## Orchestra's Annual Concert Is Saturday

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Andrews university orchestra will give its annual home concert on Saturday at 8 p.m., in the Alvin Johnson auditorium on the AU campus, here.

The 55-member orchestra is under the direction of Charles Davis. Joining the orchestra as piano soloist for one selection will be Tonja Lyons, a senior student completing the requirements for a degree in piano performance.

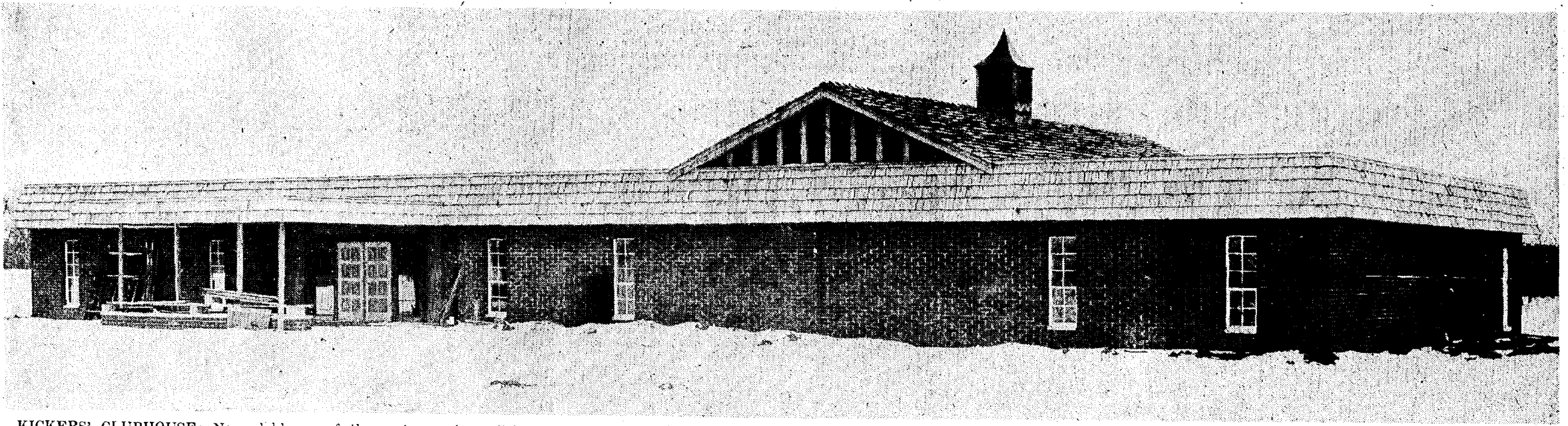
Davis is assistant professor of music at Andrews university. Before coming there, he taught music at secondary schools in Colorado and Oregon, and served as director of the Roseburg (Ore.) symphony orchestra.



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**KICKERS' CLUBHOUSE:** New clubhouse of the St. Joseph Kickers, local sports club, nears completion just off US-31-33, adjacent to Berrien County Sportsman's club, near Berrien Springs. It fea-

tures air-conditioned clubroom, banquet hall seating 400, complete kitchen and separate shower and locker facilities for home and visiting teams. Outside, a soccer field and parking lot for 300 cars

are set for use in spring. Four tennis courts are planned later in year. Most of the labor for clubhouse, valued over \$100,000, was donated by club members. Its first function, the club's annual

carnival, is set for Feb. 20 with the grand opening on May 15. (Staff photo)

## Drug Abuse On Target In Van Buren

### Outstanding Young Man U.S. Jaycees Pick Ex-South Havenite

**SOUTH HAVEN** — Ramon D. Johnson, a graduate of South Haven high school and Western Michigan university, has been chosen a Jaycee Outstanding Young Man of America for 1970.

Johnson's mother, Mrs. Henrietta Norris, resides in South Haven.

He earned the national recognition for his professional and civic achievements and leadership. Johnson is directing an exhibition of Negro business-

### Youth Faces Charge In Adult Court

Berrien Probate Judge Ronald Lange Wednesday signed an order turning a 16-year-old Benton township youth over to adult court to face a breaking and entering charge.

The youth, Ronald Wycoff, of 1316 Superior street, is charged with breaking and entering Modern Plastics Corp. near Coloma last Dec. 7, according to a juvenile court spokesman.

### Users Are Offered Way Out

Telephone Advice,  
Drop-In Centers  
Are Proposed

BY STEVE McQUOWN  
Paw Paw Bureau

**LAWRENCE** — A proposed plan for a county-wide program to assist drug users was launched here Wednesday night, despite slippery roads and some obvious gaps between generations.

Bout 50 persons braved icy road conditions to attend the meeting at the Van Buren intermediate school building.

Marland Bluhm, coordinator of Van Buren county community mental health services, was moderator for the meeting. Discussion touched on drugs, parent child relationships, and how drug users seeking help can be aided.

#### FORMING COMMITTEE

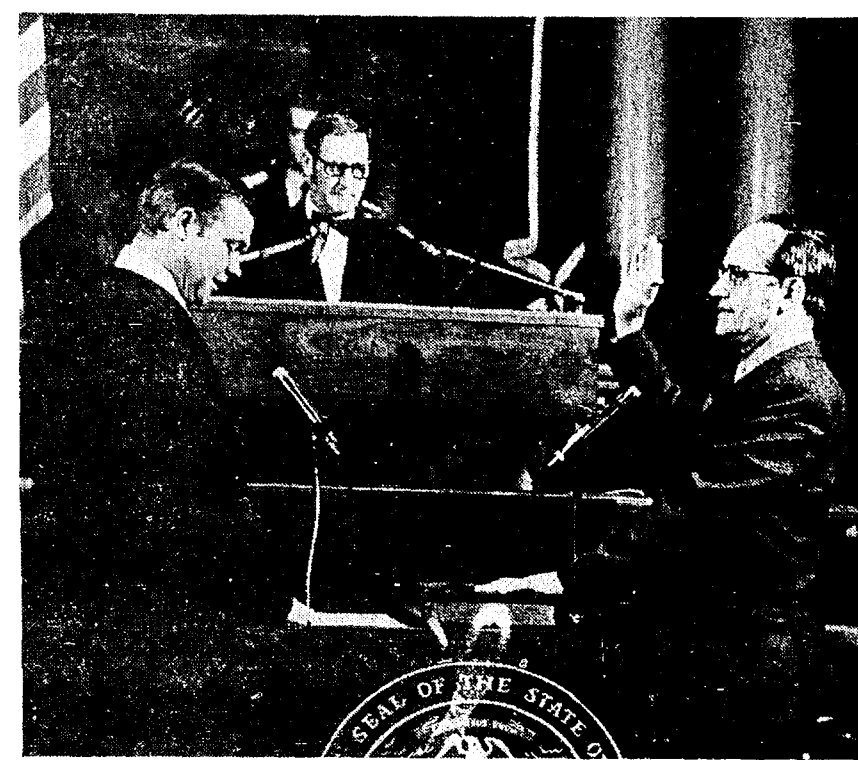
From a list of volunteers, Bluhm promised to organize by late this week, or early next week, a committee that would:

- Form a drug abuse program tying in all communities in the county; and
- Apply for what federal, state, county and local funds that might be available.

Bluhm said that he hoped such a plan would be "off the ground" by April 1.

There was little factual information concerning drug use in the county brought out at the meeting.

Bluhm said that surveys of young people asking if they used



**BYKER SWORN IN:** Senator Gary Byker (right), Hudsonville Republican, was administered the senate oath of office by Supreme Court Justice John Swainson (left) at ceremonies marking the opening of the 76th state legislative session in Lansing Wednesday. On the podium is Lt. Gov. James Brickley, who will preside over the Senate for the next four years.

drugs probably would not be answered honestly.

Ernest Shaw, Van Buren intermediate school assistant superintendent, added, "There was no reason to believe that Van Buren is any different from any other area when it comes to drug use problems."

Hopefully, Bluhm said, the proposed program would include "hot lines" and "drop-in centers."

Hot lines were described as phone numbers where persons with drug problems could call for accurate information and counseling.

#### SANCTUARIES

Drop-in centers are places where persons with problems may seek advice without the risk of arrest and legal action.

Bluhm said that hot lines and drop-in centers present atmospheres of acceptance for drug users who fear parental wrath.

As it is, he said, drug users seeking help have really only one alternative, their physician.

And physicians, one doctor at the meeting pointed out, are often caught between their own philosophy and the law when trying to help drug users.

#### Traffic Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Jan. 14 State Police count:  
This Year 45  
Last Year 72

### Hartford Bomb Scare A 'Hoax'

**HARTFORD** — A bomb threat at Hartford high school Wednesday about noon has been declared a "hoax," according to Gary Waterkamp, schools superintendent.

Waterkamp said state police from the Paw Paw post and Hartford city police had thoroughly checked the building and found nothing after someone called the high school office about 11:30 a.m. and said a bomb had been placed in the school.

He credited a policy adopted by the school board two months ago concerning emergency situations with helping to evacuate the building smoothly.

High school students were returned to the building about 1 p.m. after the police and city fire department had examined the school.

Waterkamp said the students had "cooperated beautifully" during the incident. He added that the school would hold a program with students in the future to make them aware of existing laws concerning such calls and false alarms.

### BUCHANAN Rock Festival Slated At High School

**BUCHANAN** — The Brussels Griffin poy singers of Kalamazoo will be featured performers at a rock festival to be held in the Buchanan high school auditorium at 9 p.m., Jan. 16, under the sponsorship of the Student Senate.

Lou Ann Stevens, president of the senate, is general chairman of arrangements. Susan Raas is handling publicity. The public is invited to attend the festival. Tickets may be obtained at the door.

### Guilty Pleas Entered By 2 Youths

One youth pleaded guilty to a drug charge and another to a charge of unlawfully using a car, Wednesday in Berrien circuit court.

Stephen L. Barth, 19, of Berrien Springs, was scheduled for trial Wednesday before Judge Karl F. Zick on a felony charge of selling nine LSD pills, but pleaded guilty to a high misdemeanor charge of possessing barbituric acid and its derivatives not in the original container last April 20 in Oronoko township.

Roy Lee Castleberry, 18, of 1223 Blossom lane, Benton Harbor, pleaded guilty before Judge Julian Hughes to a charge of unlawfully using a car owned by Leonard Porter in Benton Harbor last Nov. 21.

## Level Controls For Paw Paw Lake Proposed

### Sewage System Board May Take On New Job

**COLOMA** — The work of the Paw Paw lake regional commission, presently working on a proposed \$11-million sewage treatment system, may be expanded in the future to include the problem of Paw Paw lake's high water level.

Commission Chairman Fred Munchow proposed at the last board meeting that the commissioners give serious thought to the problem.

Munchow said he felt that the commission, representing the governmental units surrounding the lake, would be in a good position to cooperate with the Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

#### PROPOSED SOLUTION

In a letter, Ralph MacMullen, director of the state department of natural resources, stated that the high water problems of Paw Paw Lake were studied by the department some years ago and more recently by the Corps of Engineers.

The Corps project design provided for relief of this problem by construction of an auxiliary outlet system utilizing an existing channel beginning at the southwest end of the lake, running southeast about 900 feet. It would be followed by an enclosed conduit of some 1,500 feet connecting with the Paw Paw river.

MacMullen's letter stated this facility would be able to carry normal flood water accumulation in the Paw Paw lake drainage.

Also included in the Corps of Engineers plan of improvement would be a gate-control structure located in the natural outlet channel. This would prevent the river from backing up into the lake during high water flood discharges on the river.

The study estimated that the total project cost would have amounted to about \$400,000 at 1967 prices. It is important to note, MacMullen added, that federal flood control laws are provided to the Corps of Engineers to pay for nearly all of the cost of these proposed improvements.

He said that the only local government costs would be for

the necessary lands and easements for the improved southwest outlet channel and conduit.

#### MUST FURNISH LAND

MacMullen's letter said that at the completion of this study in 1967 the Corps of Engineers advised local governmental officials that before further detailed engineering design could be completed that a local unit of government must agree, a provided for in federal law, to act as the local cooperating agency. The local agency would have to furnish necessary lands, easements and rights of way as well as maintain the project after construction.

According to MacMullen such local agency cooperation has never been offered in behalf of the citizen living on the Paw Paw lake. Contacts were made with local officials by the Department of Natural Resources to encourage such cooperation, but to no avail, he said.

Munchow feels that the regional planning commission could very well take this problem to the affected agencies and activate the study again.

However, Munchow clearly stated that this would be considered later this year by the commission, after their planning work is completed on the sewage treatment facility.

### Healthy Day Reported At South Haven

**SOUTH HAVEN** — No patients were admitted to the South Haven Community hospital during the past 24 hours. Hospital officials said this was the first time in two years that no one had been admitted.

## Without Blossomtime Miss Bloomingdale Contest Going On

**BLOOMINGDALE** — A "Miss Bloomingdale" queen contest is going to be held in this community despite a cancellation of the 1971 Blossomtime activities.

The Bloomingdale District Boosters club will sponsor the contest scheduled for Saturday, March 27 at 8 p.m. in the high school gym.

Girls may sign up at the high school office starting Monday, Jan. 18 and through Feb. 1. Applicants must be between 17 and 22 years old and live in the Bloomingdale school district.

This will be the fifth year Bloomingdale has sponsored a queen contest.

Contest committee members include, Karl (Bill) Stone, president; Mrs. Eugene Harris, secretary; George B. Fritz, treasurer; Mrs. Ronald Bair, consultant and chairman, Mrs. Veryl Kridler and co-chairman, Mrs. Bernard Miller.



RAMON D. JOHNSON



**MLS OFFICERS INSTALLED:** Eighth annual meeting of the Multiple Listing Service of Southwestern Michigan was highlighted by installation of officers. Seated, from left, are Thomas Totzke, secretary-treasurer; Florian L. Beles, president, and James Dillingham, vice-president. Standing from left are directors Frank Hill, John Neumann and Walter Stefan. Past year was marked by merger of MLS with Southwest Michigan Board of Realtors. The action ties real estate men from Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties into close knit group. (Staff Photo)

#### WATERVLIET

### Adult Education Series Will Begin January 24

**WATERVLIET** — Adult education classes, planned in response to a recent survey of community interest, will begin the week of Jan. 25. They are scheduled to run for 10 weeks. Classes are planned in sewing, tailoring, cake decorating, auto mechanics, typing and Spanish.

Interested persons may contact the high school office for exact starting dates and course fees.